



# SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DX CLUB

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The Southern California DX Club is a proud group of men and women of the world wide Amateur Radio community that enjoys communications with other Amateurs around the world.

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## USING THE MARVELS OF RADIO



THE INTERNATIONAL DX CONVENTION VISALIA  
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## FROM THE PREZ

Here's hoping those of you who needed some new ones managed to add a few during the CQWW SSB contest. It's always a great time at least to fill in band mode gaps.



My Alpha 9500 is still running well, and so I'm starting to feel comfortable that it and I are in for along term relationship. I know that some others have had problems with theirs, but Alpha's support has been excellent and, since Brad (one of the amp's two designers) came to my shack to make things right back on 9/16, all has been cop-acetic. My only negatives about Alpha's new top-of-the-line legal limit amp are that it's noisy and it tends to run pretty hot. It has two blowers, and one in particular makes a fair amount of noise as it moves a lot of air. The clicking on QSK is loud, too, and so I usually run it on semi-QSK with a short hang time – just enough so it'll drop between words at around 20-22 wpm. That makes it tolerably quiet, and since I usually wear a headset anyway, it's not really a significant problem. A final issue is a discovery I made that I'm amazed no one else had reported. When changing bands at full exciter output, the amp will frequently (nearly always) fault. Why? Because power comes up before the amp can auto-tune. Alpha is working on software delay that will give the amp time to tune before going to full power. In the meantime, one can avoid the fault by dropping exciter power before changing bands, but this is a nuisance. Other than for these issues, though, I have no nits to pick. Brad has assured me that the tube will tolerate the heat quite well. I sure hope so, 'cause that 8877 is one expensive "valve"!

At the recent Board meeting, the issue of the Club taking political stands came up for discussion. I raised the matter with the Board because of two incidents this year in which certain Club members requested that the Club go on record over hot-button issues. The first issue was the matter of the 5A7A DXpedition and its acceptance of the Libyan government's prohibition against contacts with Israeli stations. The issue voted by the Club was to express disapproval of the ARRL's sanctioning of the event without comment, and to express disappointment with CQ over its failure to take an editorial position with respect to the restriction. Since the issue was directly related to DX operation, and since the expression by the Club would not be a demand for any specific action but only a pair of letters expressing concern and disappointment, I did write and send the letters.

The second situation was more troublesome. The Board received a request from a member to consider dissociating the Club from the ARRL and no longer inviting the League to participate in the IDXC, the reason for all this being the disqualification of Carl, WU6D from his candidacy for Southwestern Director. As your Club President, I took it upon myself to deny any formal consideration of the request. My reasoning was as follows. The ARRL provides our only national representation and, because we are pretty much all highly active hams, it is important for us to have our voice heard in matters that may well affect our well being. We may not always agree with the League's action – it is, after all, a political body – but, as with misbehaving family, we cannot walk away, at least not without very good reason and a willingness to accept the consequences. I believe I speak for most of the Club's membership when I say that, with all respect to Dick, N6AA, the League did overreact when it disqualified Carl, but this is not a sufficient reason for the Club to pack up its toys and leave.

All of this, then, does raise the general question of the Club's taking political positions on issues of import to the DX community and to amateur radio as a whole. It is my opinion that each case must be judged on its own merits, and that the interests of the largest number of Club members must be represented fairly and without compromising minority interests. We are, after all, not constituted as a political group, but we *are* a special interest group within amateur radio. Our views count, and we will be heard if we speak up and out. This behooves us to act responsibly and with all deliberation. I hope, in the end, the membership will feel that I have, in fact, represented the Club fairly, and that no one currently feels I have acted out of any inappropriate bias. 'nuff said.

A great program this month: Our own intrepid DXpeditioners, Bob and Arnie, will be talking about their most recent adventure on St. Brandon.

73 es gud DX,  
JW, K6JW

## A little History

MGM movie about Amateur Radio circa 1930

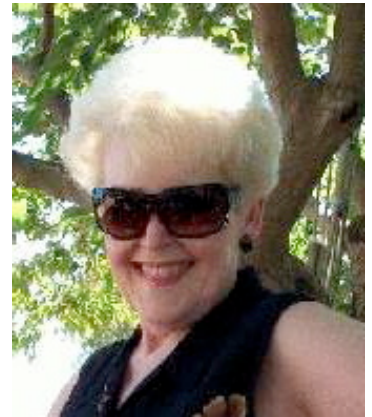
### Amateur Radio History

check it out and click here

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vBGldf0VjQ4>

## AND FROM THE VEEP

**I DID IT!** I passed my Extra Class exam on October 14. Now I am ready to tackle the lower portion of the bands to continue the quest for my yet-to-get countries. Marilyn, NGIL, Reid, K6LRB and Jay, KF6RIY also passed the test along with me. Oh, yes, I must include my soul mate, Wayne, W6IRD. Wayne had held the Advanced class license for many, many years. Having achieved the ARRL honor roll a long time ago, he never upgraded. Knowing the forever teasing he would get if his wife held a higher class than him, he had no recourse but to take the test with the rest of us. And, he also passed with flying colors. That's five SCDXC members who deserve a big HI-FIVE!



Thanks to Chip Margelli, K7JA, for providing a great presentation last month on maximizing our microphones for the best effect. No doubt everyone went home to test and tweak their own microphones.

Next month's program will be Bob Grimmick, N6OX, and Arnie Shatz, N6HC. They will be doing a presentation on the St. Brandon, 3B7C, Dxpedition. How fortunate we are to have two members of our club that were both on this expedition. There will be slides and tales of their venture that will make you NOT want to miss November's meeting.

Don't forget to get your tickets purchased for the year-end holiday brunch at the Orange Hill restaurant in Orange on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you have attended any of the last four years at this location, then you know what to expect. If you have not, you have a real treat in store. Check the club website for details. The view from the restaurant is spectacular (on a clear day). The choices of food will boggle your mind. Champagne never stops being poured. Every lady who attends gets a gift. And don't forget the great raffle prizes. Send your money to Jim, N6DHz, or he will gladly accept it at the next meeting. This is our last time to celebrate a great 2007.

The club needs you to submit your nomination for Dyer of the Year. All of our members are great. But, you know of one that stands out amongst us all. Their contribution to the club needs to be recognized. And we want to award and celebrate that person at the DX convention in Visalia next April. So, get your nomination submitted to the board.

The Clipperton award is the other prestigious award we honor to the member of our club who joined in 2007 and has the most confirmed QSO's in this year. If you recall, we had no submittal last year; therefore, no award. Even just one confirmed contact could have made you eligible to win. Don't hesitate to submit your cards and application.

88's for now. See you on the air with my new "extra class" privilege. Sharon – K6IRD



## A LITTLE IOTA NEWS.

The IOTA net meets on 14260 kHz at 1300 UTC on Saturdays and on 21260 at 1300 UTC on Sundays. The following frequencies are considered as the meeting place for Island chasers: CW - 28040, 24920, 21040, 18098, 14040, 10114, 7030 and 3530 kHz; SSB - 28560, 28460, 24950, 21260, 18128, 14260, 7055 and 3765 kHz.

## MORE FRIENDS

*Bob, KØOK, and Dale, KB7UB, both members of the Southern California DX Club, will be QRV from Providenciales (NA-002), Turks and Caicos Islands, as VP5/KØOK and VP5/KB7UB from December 6 to 11, 2007. Look for activity on 6 through 160 meters on CW and SSB.*

*They will be operating in the ARRL 10 Meter contest as VP5E (KØOK) and VP5UB (KB7UB). Online logs are at <http://www.dxer.com/dxlogs/> <mhtml:{C03901B4-4AA3-4FC2-BF39-7F25B1599838}mid://00000080!/x-usc:<http://www.dxer.com/dxlogs/>> . All QSOs will be uploaded to LOTW. QSL via their home calls.*

AND YOU KNOW IT  
IS CONTEST TIME

I SAY,  
CAN YOU HEAR ME  
NOW?



## AND THE EDITOR JUST RAMBLES ON

Before I forget, we have new members. Pete Flusser, W6PBF and Nigel Keep, W6NBK. Say Hi to them.

So much going on. Halloween will be over and everybody can relax from TRICK OR TREAT. Thanksgiving will be here soon, so get ready for your Christmas and holiday buying. As I said, so much going on. For instance, did you know? Thanksgiving falls on Nov 22, Housewife day on Nov 3. Don't forget guys, about the little things. Gosh we have Election Day, Veterans Day,( bless their hearts) Traffic Day (no lights). World Hello Day and **best of all, Nov. 23rd, Black Friday, the heaviest shopping day of the year falls on BUY NOTHING DAY.**



## AND GET READY TO TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK ON NOV. 4. SATURDAY NIGHT SUNDAY MORNING.

Been talking to other clubs and am getting a couple of newsletters and maybe I can let you know what might be happening elsewhere.

What I learned mostly is we have many members that are very active in other clubs. Going to see if we can get some of them to keep us informed of their other HAM activities. It is not too terribly difficult to do the newsletter, but boy it is helpful if we could get some other news to print. The one everyone can help is the **I GOT STARTED IN HAM RADIO WHEN? And this is who I am.** With as many members as we have we could keep the newsletter full for years.

On Sept 29, we held our fall Board meeting and am glad to report that we are fine and doing well. For those interested, we donated the following this year.

NCDXF	\$1000.00
ARRL	500.00
CQ Magazine Awards	100.00
St Brandon Expedition	200.00
Burundi Expedition	200.00

And don't forget the Holiday Party. See info elsewhere. What about the Visalia DX Convention? Sign up NOW. See the web site for registration forms.

More stuff: Mickey Mouse made his debut on Nov. 28, 1928 in New York about the same time Abe Lincoln delivered his Gettysburg Address in 1863. Last of all, the Dow Jones hit 1000 for the very first time on Nov 14, 1972.

I'll bet that was a celebration. This is all required for a good communications during rag chew sessions. You know, the kind of QSO stuff before DX.



Me and You is friends  
You smile, I smile...  
You hurt, I hurt...  
You cry, I cry...  
You jump off a Bridge  
I gonna miss your E-Mails.

## VISALIA CONVENTION NOTICE

The next meeting will be  
November 17 at 1:00pm at  
the QTH of Dan, N6PEQ &  
Kristin, K6PEQ.

Address:  
13672 Fairmont Way  
Tustin, CA 92680

Tel: 714-832-1277





## SOMETHING FROM URBAN W6MPB

It is a tilt-over base plate mounting [my design/construction] for a TriEx 37' that I will eventually extend to 55' with a mast section. I have another that will be erected next summer. Between the two I will have a 68' [40 m] dipole with the main lobe axis on a 28/208° radial - direct to mid Europe & the South Pacific! :o)

You! Just letting a few people know that, after four years of planning, I finally poured the first of four tower bases...



# PICTURES

## SOME OF DON'S N6IC TRIP TO EUROPE





## **This Years Holiday Party will be December 02 at 12:30 pm**

This year's Holiday Party will be on Sunday afternoon, December 02, 2007 at the Orange Hill Restaurant, in the city of Orange. The Party will be from 12:30pm to 3:30pm +/- QRM.

This year we will be in a **PRIVATE ROOM!** all by ourselves and ready to party. We are looking to get the largest attendance ever so be sure to get your reservations early. If you have been to the party in the last three years you know the food is unbelievably good and this year with our own **PRIVATE ROOM!** it will be better than ever, the food is delicious and much to much. You go for Brunch, but you can have Breakfast, Lunch or Dinner.

When we say brunch, we mean BRUNCH. There are over 130 items on the brunch menu, so we promise you will not leave hungry. The Orange Hill Restaurant is a fantastic hill top location in Orange County, about 3-4 miles east of the 55 freeway on Chapman Ave. So you may want to bring your portable HF radios with you, because we may just have a competition to see who can work the best DX from this super location!! There will be some great prizes too. Please plan to join the club and help us finish of another fantastic year for the SCDXC!!!

**Date: - Sunday,  
Orange Hill Restaurant  
Orange, CA 92669**

**December 2, 2007 Time: -**

**12:30pm - 3:30pm  
6410 E Chapman  
714-997-2910**



## Reservations are Due November 25th



## FOR SALE

1) Cushcraft A3WS 3 element WARC antenna with 30M extension kit. Antenna in good/very good condition with various element sections easily separated for transport after 9 years of service. All trap covers taped before installation and in excellent condition. No cracked trap covers. Minor clean up required. \$225 with pickup only in Los Angeles area.

2) Hy-Gain BN4000 high power balun in very good condition. Pre MFJ vintage. No hardware. \$60.

3) Hy-Gain BN-86 Balun in original packaging with all of the hardware. Pre MFJ vintage. \$40.

Contact: Elliott WA6TLA at [wa6tla@earthlink.net](mailto:wa6tla@earthlink.net)



Will this cycle  
ever end?

I want some  
DX.

# INTERESTING AND NEW FOR SCDXC

I received a note from Tuck, NZ6T informing me that an internet reflector has been set up for the SCDXC. This site can be used for many things. I am not knowledgeable in such things so I will stand by and watch and learn as other folks who are more familiar with this kind of activity use it.

Hi folks.

Just a quick note to advise each of you that I have created an e-mail reflector for the use of the Southern California DX Club.

This reflector can be used for many things. Among them being the announcement of club meetings, which will be sent out automatically each month. Steve can send out announcements when the latest edition of the newsletter is ready for viewing. DX spots can be announced. Discussions on DX or Contesting topics can be posted. We can post polls, and even post pictures.

For efficiency sake, I do own the reflector, but I have created this for the use of the SCDXC group. You do not have to be a member to participate, only an interest in DX or contesting is required.

You may have a couple of questions.

1. How do I join this group?

Send an e-mail to: [scdxc-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:scdxc-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)

Home page for the reflector is: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/scdxc/>

2. What e-mail address do I use?

If you do not know for sure, send yourself an e-mail. When you receive that e-mail, look for the from address that it was sent from and use it. It's that easy.

If you need any help, just let me know, drop me an e-mail.  
Thanks, 73, Tuck NZ6T

# HAM RADIO YARD SALE

At

Skip, KJ6Y

After more than 30 years in Ham radio, I need to clear out the yard.

Towers and antennas.

Lots of hardware

Cables

Radio Equipment

Rotors

Parts

Saturday November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2007  
8:00AM to 3:00PM

22712 Califa St  
Woodland Hills, CA 91367

Directions: From Fallbrook Ave turn east onto Hatteras. Go past the corner house and turn north onto the unmarked road (looks like an alley)  
Follow it around to the right to the third house on the right. Look for the towers and antennas.

Park down the street.

Everything must go. Skip, KJ6Y

KJ6Y's Home Page <<http://members.aol.com/kj6y/skip.html>>





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